

Somerset County's

Weekend Journey

through the

Past



2018 Weekend Journey Tours, Exhibits & Special Events



Saturday,
October 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday,
October 14, 2018
Noon - 4:00 p.m.



NORTH COUNTY TOUR

Boudinot-Southard-Ross Estate

135 North Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

- Tour the house, grounds and Boudinot's Giving Garden
- Actors portraying historical characters
- 19th Century barn will be open
- Paint Out! for artists of all media
- Historical Displays
- Scavenger Hunts
- Kite flying
- Kids' Crafts
- Boudinot's Café

Codington Farmstead

15 Mount Horeb Road
Warren, NJ 07059

- Guided tours

Jacobus Vanderveer House

3055 River Road
Bedminster, NJ 07921

- Games and crafts for children
- Patriotic tie-dye
- Guided house tours
- Film on the Pluckemin Cantonment

Dr. John Vermeule House

223 Rock Avenue
Green Brook, NJ 08812

- Interpreted house tours
- Display of historic household artifacts
- Local historians will be on hand to discuss the homestead and the history of Green Brook

Kennedy-Martin-Stelle House*

450 King George Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

- Hands-on Colonial pottery interactive workshops with potter Debbie Limoli
- Saturday ONLY at 1:00, 1:45 and 2:30:**
Live performance of acoustic, contemporary folk songs by Gordon Thomas Ward

Kirch-Ford-Terrill House

1 Reinman Road
Warren, NJ 07059

- Guided tours

Mount Bethel Baptist Meeting House

Mountainview Road and Mt. Bethel Road
Warren, NJ 07059

- Guided tours

Texier House Museum

10 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, NJ 07069

- Viewings of the film *Reflections of Watchung*
- Displays including a copy of Captain Parlin's Civil War Diary

USGA Museum

77 Liberty Corner Road
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

- Museum scavenger hunt
- Tour of Test Center
- Clay golf course architecture project
- Pynes putting and SNAG golf (Starting New At Golf!)
- History of the Pope Mansion presentation

Vermeule Mansion*

614 Greenbrook Road
North Plainfield, NJ 07063

- Friends of Vermeule Mansion will discuss the history of the Vermeule family, the property, and their organization and programs
- Youth activities
- Tours of the home
- Fleetwood Camera Museum (photography)

Saturday ONLY at 11:30 and 1:30:

200 Years of Popular Song, performance by musical historian and balladeer Linda Russell

Saturday ONLY at 3:00: *Gotcha! Snapshots that Made History*, presentation by photographer and educator Jim Del Giudice

Sunday ONLY at 2:00: *200 Years of Popular Song*, performance by musical historian and balladeer Linda Russell

Washington Rock Park

One Rock Road West
Green Brook, NJ 08812

- Local historians will be on hand to discuss the history of Washington Rock
- Free brochures and pamphlets describing the area's history
- Facilities available for picnicking, hiking and photography

CENTRAL COUNTY TOUR

Abraham Staats House*

17 Von Steuben Lane
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

- *American Quilting & Sewing Arts* with Dana Bala
- Guided house tours by interpreters in period clothing
- Period music performed by Tom Harabin
- Exhibits on the Middlebrook Cantonment and 18th century life

Andrew Ten Eyck House

671 Old York Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876

- Costumed interpreters
- Antique sale and flea market

Historic Brook Theater, also known as the Somerset Cultural Arts Center*

10 Hamilton Street
Bound Brook, NJ 08805

- Tours of the historic theater and organ serenades

Saturday ONLY at 11:00 and 2:00: Silent film shorts accompanied with live music performed by Bernie Anderson

Sunday ONLY at 1:00: Silent film shorts accompanied with live music performed by Brett Miller

Daniel Robert House, also known as Somerville Borough Hall

25 West End Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

- Guided tours with access to rooms and areas not normally open to the public
- Photographs of Alexander Jackson Davis structures

General John Frelinghuysen House, also known as the Raritan Public Library*

54 East Somerset Street
Raritan, NJ 08869

Sunday ONLY at 12:30: Musical performance by Erik Lichack and 18th Century Fashion demonstration by Eliza Vincz

Old Presbyterian Graveyard

Corner of East High and East Streets
Bound Brook, NJ 08805

- Reenactors portraying 19th century stone carver Henry Sillocks and women of 18th and early 19th century Bound Brook

Presbyterian Church of Bound Brook

409 Mountain Avenue
Bound Brook, NJ 08805

- Guided tours of the church and sanctuary
(Tours stop by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday)

Relief Hose Company No. 2 Engine House

16 Anderson Street
Raritan, NJ 08869

- Firefighter-guided public tours
- Displays of vintage fire apparatus

Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament

52 West Somerset Street
Raritan, NJ 08869

- Guided tours



Somerville Exempt Fire Museum

23 North Doughty Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

- Fire fighter and Historical Committee tours and artifact exhibits

Saturday ONLY at 2:30 (apx.): Horses will arrive to pull the museum's 1880 Amoskaeg Steam Pumper in a parade for Somerville Fire Department Inspection Day; the 1850 Downs & Company hand pumper will be pulled by firefighters

South Branch Schoolhouse

2120 South Branch Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876

- Photographic exhibit of the history of the schoolhouse
- Photographic displays of local wildlife and scenery by naturalist and Branchburg News columnist, JJ Mish
- Display of Neshanic Station history by the Neshanic Historical Society

Van Veghten House

9 Van Veghten Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

- The Somerset County Historical Society will conduct tours by costumed docents

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SOUTH COUNTY TOUR

Griggstown Bridgetender's House

2 Griggstown Causeway
(Franklin Township) Princeton, NJ 08540

- Display of antique farm tools

Griggstown Schoolhouse

1065 Canal Road
(Franklin Township) Princeton, NJ 08540
(In the Griggstown Historic District behind the
Griggstown Reformed Church)

- Local history exhibits
- Continuous showing of the films: *Griggstown: Then and Now*; *The Griggstown Schoolhouse Story*; *The D&R Canal*; *The Restoration and Rededication of the Griggstown Schoolhouse*; and *The Millstone Scenic Byway*

Harlingen Reformed Church

2142 US Highway 206
Belle Mead, NJ 08502



- Volunteers will be available to answer questions about the church and its archives
- Demonstration by the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild on traditional rug hooking; materials will be available for visitors who would like to try it
- Historical reenactor and milliner Erin Wyckoff Brown; she will making and selling her Colonial bonnets
- Hymns played on the church Carillon
- Games table for children
- Homemade Dutch cookies, cider, tea and coffee will be served. Some of the recipes will be available to take home

Sunday ONLY at 12:30: Selections played by church organist Regina Koebele-Demaree

Historic 1860 School House, also known as Millstone Borough Hall

1353 Main Street
Millstone, NJ 08844

- Learn about 19th and early 20th century rules for teachers and students, and the development of school architecture in New Jersey
- Display of 18th, 19th and 20th century map reproductions
- View early American scenes in 3D through a vintage stereoscope!
- Exhibition of vintage children's books and schoolbooks
- Children's fashion through the years coloring activities

Old Millstone Forge

9 North River Street
Millstone, NJ 08844

- Skilled blacksmiths working in the traditional manner
- Display of original tools and machines used in different eras
- Hands-on experience when time allows

Stoutsburg Sourland

African American Museum*

189 Hollow Road
Skillman, NJ 08558



Saturday ONLY at 1:00: Hands-on Fall Fabric Coasters Crafting Project
Sunday ONLY at 2:00: Hands-on Fall Fabric Coasters Crafting Project

Van Liew-Suydam House

280 South Middlebush Road
Franklin Township, NJ 08873

- Interactive display of games and toys that people enjoyed during the formation of our country
- Hands-on display of everyday household items that are not so recognizable now
- Display of the Meadows Foundation photo albums and historic house structure reports
- Light refreshments will be served!

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